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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See Instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Charlton, James Farm other names/site number 60-137

2. Location

street & number north side VA Rt. 666, 1 1/3 mi. sw of VA Rt. 724 city, town Radford state Virginia code VA county Montgomery code 121 zip code 24141

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private public-local public-State public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s) district site structure object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, and Total.

Name of related multiple property listing: Prehistoric and historic Resources of Montgomery County

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources State or Federal agency and bureau Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet

Signature of commenting or other official State or Federal agency and bureau Date

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain):

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: agricultural

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: agricultural outbuilding

outbuilding

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER : four-room plan

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: limestone

walls WOOD: weatherboard

roof METAL: tin

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The house is located a short distance north of VA Route 666 in a grove of trees. The large square two-story log house is sheathed in late nineteenth-century weatherboard, with vestige of earlier beaded weatherboard. The house has a projecting log plate enclosed in a later bracketed cornice, a sawn bargeboard, and sawn cornice decoration, returned cornices in the gables, a circular louvered vent in the west gable, and an unusual pair of coursed rubble double-shouldered two-story chimneys linked by a stone wall approximately five feet high. The roofing material, siding, and ornament all date from the second half of the nineteenth century, as do the six-over-six double-hung sash windows flanking the four-paneled central entry door, which is equipped with sidelights and a transom. A one-story porch with sawn brackets and turned posts extends across the principal (south) front.

The floor plan is one of the house's most unusual features. Each floor contains a front and rear range of two rooms. The front (south) and rear pair of rooms are nearly equal in depth; each is divided by stud partitions into two rooms of unequal size. The front and rear ranges each resemble a conventional hall-parlor dwelling, but the double-pile form in relation to this plan type is unknown elsewhere in the region. The two sections show no signs of different construction dates and are linked by the equally unusual stone wall joining the pair of stone chimneys on the east wall. The mantel in the southeast room is enriched with Federal-style reeding, molding, and tablets, while the mantel in the northeast room has been removed. While many smaller hall-parlor houses have a chimney at only one end, it seems unusual for a house of this size (thirty-one by thirty-one feet) to have unheated rooms at the west end, but there is no indication of earlier fireplaces on that wall. A closed-stringer stair with square balusters and newel posts rises in the northeast room. A beaded baseboard survives in the southeast room, but most other trim dates from the late nineteenth century.

Immediately north of the house a coursed rubble stone chimney from a former detached kitchen retains its sandstone-lined firebox and iron crane with hook. The remaining outbuildings, including a board-and-batten meathouse, a frame drive-through corncrib, a frame barn, and two frame garages date from the late nineteenth century or early twentieth century. The meathouse is located northeast of the house, but the other buildings are inflected toward a farm road to the west. Few alterations have been made to the house since the early twentieth century. A one-story porch across the rear (north) wall has been enclosed. An early twentieth-century frame outbuilding located on the west side of the drive is also contributing.

 See continuation sheet

8: Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance
ca. 1810 - ca. 1910

Significant Dates
N/A

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The James Charlton Farm is eligible under criterion C as an unusual domestic example of early nineteenth-century log construction employing a regionally unique four-room floor plan. Exterior alteration in the mid- to late nineteenth century and construction of many of the farm's outbuildings during that period or the early twentieth century extend the period of significance. The house and farm demonstrate the change and continuity typical of nineteenth-century farms in the area, but embody a form without parallel in the region.

James Charlton, who had the house built, died in 1825. He was born in 1752 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and moved to southeast Virginia in the 1760s. He settled on sixty-seven acres of land on Meadow Creek in 1782 and over time amassed 1,500 acres on Meadow and Plum creeks. He built his house on the north side of the Mud Pike (the Great Road) across from the Seven Mile Tree, a local landmark. At James Charlton's death in 1825, his widow Hannah (née Sigler or Ziegler) was to have "half of the dwelling house, being the back part", a stable in front of the house and one in back, the kitchen, the Negro house, smokehouse, corn house and half of the garden. In 1834, when the lands of James Charlton were divided, the house was included in the 477-acre "Home Tract". In that year the estate included two slaves (Kegley).

The house is located immediately north of what is known as the old Mud Pike. This road is the original Ingles Ferry Road, the principal transportation route through Southwest Virginia. It was superseded in the mid-nineteenth century by the Southwestern Turnpike or Rock Road.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Kegley, Mary B. Early Adventurers on the Western Waters, Vol I., Green Publishers, Inc., Orange, VA 1980.

Works Progress Administration, Survey files, 1936.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than two acres.

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A on the north side of VA Route 666, 50 feet west of the house, thence 342 feet north to point B, thence east 75 feet to point C, thence south 192 feet to point D, thence east 157 feet to point E, thence south 150 feet to point F, thence west 232 feet along north side of VA Route 666 to point of origin.

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries were chosen to include house, outbuildings, and domestic-related space.

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